

REMARKS

The amendment adds new claims 14-18 and revises originally filed claims 12 and 13 to even further improve their clarity, while the originally filed claims 1-11 remain unchanged. The amendment was not made for a reason related to patentability, and the full range of equivalents for all of the elements of the new claims, as well as for all of the originally filed claims, should remain intact. Support for subject matter found in claims 14-18 can be found throughout the specification and drawings, and no new matter is added.

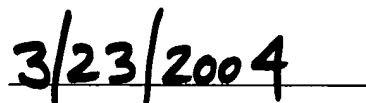
The attached PTO-1449 makes of record several documents. The two commonly-assigned WO publications are those referred to several times in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 10 (WO/GB03/00384) and at page 3, line 13 (WO/GB03/00388). The citation of these two WO publications should not be construed as an admission that these two publications are prior art to this invention.

A favorable consideration that results in the allowance of all of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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